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SUBJECT: BUILDING MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

REFS: A) JIDDA 8168 B) JIDDA 8008 C) JIDDA 7897
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1. CORPOS OF ENGINEERS (COE), RIYADH, ADVISED EMBASSY DECEMBER 21 RECEIPT OF TWO TELEXES DECEMBER 17. ONE FROM FRANC MANZOLILLO REGARDING A MEETING WITH COL. GEORGE GRAY, CHIEF, COE, RIYADH, APPARENTLY HELD IN WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 11. PROPOSAL MADE FOR BIGBEE BUILDING THROUGH KUWAIT LICENSEE. SECOND TELEX FROM KHARAFI ORGANIZATION, KUWAIT, OFFERING BUILDING READY FOR OCCUPANCY, RIYADH, BY MARCH 1, 1976, PROVIDED ORDER PLACED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 25, PAYMENT WITH ORDER BY IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT, DOLLARS 423,129. THERE IS SOME DISCREPANCY IN SIZE BUILDING QUOTED. MANZOLILLO TWX CITES STRUCTURE 120 X 225 X 18 WHILE KHARAFI TWX CITES 120 X 250 X 18.

2. EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER, RIYADH, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT COLONEL NEAL, COE, RIYADH, POINTED OUT THAT TELEXEX PRESUME COE WILL PURCHASE BUILDING DIRECTLY, WHICH DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONFORM TO PARA (14) LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING (JIDDA 7894). PARA (14) STATES USDOC HAS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY
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FOR ACQUISITION AND ERECTION OF BUILDING.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED ABOUT ANY WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN COLONEL GRAY AND FRANC MANZOLILLO, AND THUS, WAS UNABLE TO CLARIFY OBJECTION OF COLONEL NEAL. WAS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING AMENDED DURING DECEMBER 11 MEETING?

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THAT IS SUGGESTION (JIDDA 6575) FAIR BY HELD AT RIYADH NOW RECEIVING CONSIDERATION. WITH PLANNING FOR BUILDDEX APPARENTLY GOING AHEAD, MAY EMBASSY CONFIRM SITE AND DATES TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ACCORDANCE FONMIN REQUEST (JIDDA 7896)?
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